

Yuma Parks & Recreation

CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS, AND PROGRAMS

11th Annual Woodcarvers Expo

Yuma Parks and Recreation and the North End Community Center Woodcarvers will be hosting their 11th Annual Woodcarving and Gourd Art Expo on January 15 and 16 at the Yuma Readiness & Community Center. The growing popularity of woodcarving/gourd art in Yuma has been reflected in the nearly 14,000 patrons who have passed through the expo doors. The show features the carving talents of local and visiting carvers and gives them an opportunity to engage in a spirited competition for recognition and awards. Last year the carvers created a carousel for the City's Centennial celebration.



'Castle Park' is OPEN!

An early Christmas present for the entire Yuma Community was opened on Saturday, December 19th! Yuma's beloved castle park was once again filled with children of all ages.

The Stewart Vincent Wolfe Creative Playground (SVWCP), the three-acre "Castle Park" within West Wetlands Park originally opened in 2007, only to be destroyed in a senseless act of arson on December 28, 2014.

Children were invited on a scavenger hunt throughout the playground to find hidden 'Reindeer', and once they had their cards completed, they entered themselves into a drawing for a free birthday party for up to 20 guests at the new Castle Park in 2016. Santa Claus was even able to make an appearance and helped celebrate this joyous day by gifting SVWCP wrist bands to those in attendance.

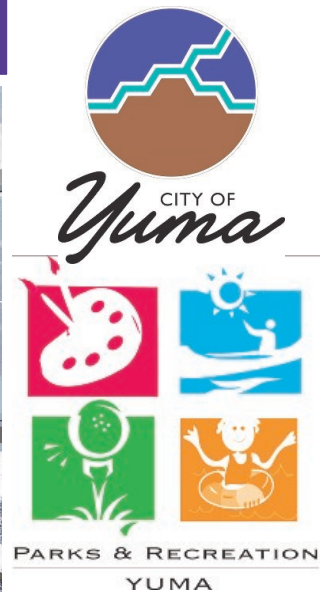
The new playground, built by Yuma Valley Contractors, has been funded by insurance money and recreates the original as closely as possible, with the addition of more fire-retardant material, surveillance cameras, a security fence, and other increased security measures. During the rebuild, residents of all ages helped out at City hosted Community Paint Days. Participants painted wooden shingles and dragon scales, while children painted ceramic tiles and wooden blocks.

Funds raised by residents following the massive blaze, now totaling close to \$100,000, will be used to create a "bigger, better, safer, all inclusive playground" by expanding it with a water feature, climbing structure, and areas designed for children with physical challenges.

Visit www.yumacastlepark.com for opening day highlights and photos from Saturday.



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Parks & Recreation Featured Activities

PARK SOCIAL

The City of Yuma Parks and Recreation, an 8-time Playful City USA recipient, invites you and your family to join your neighbors for a play date at the park!

Saturday, Jan. 23

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Marcus Park

(5th St & 5th Ave)

FREE ADMISSION!



"New Year"

January Canoe Trip

Try something new this year! A quick trip down river is a great way to start 2016.

Saturday, January 2

Time: 10:00 am

Location: West Wetlands

Ages: 6 and up, parents/guardian must stay with children under 16

Fee: \$20 per participant

Colors

Take the colors of the rainbow and get crazy! Try out marble painting, and painting with crazy sponge brushes too.

Saturday, January 16

Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Location: Clymer Recreation Center

Ages: 3 – 5

Fee: \$10 per participant

Minions

BEE-DO! BEE-DO! Do you hear this noise around the house all the time? Then send your kiddos to have some fun with us for a very special afternoon dedicated to Minions!

We will eat what Minions eat, play games and enjoy everything Minion. Costumes are welcome.

Saturday, January 30

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Clymer Recreation Center

Ages: 9 – 13

Fee: \$10 per participant



32nd Annual Senior Games

Over 25 events are scheduled to encourage persons 50 years of age and older to continue fitness opportunities and to compete and interact with peers. Registration fee includes the Opening Ceremony, novelty events to compete in, and the Closing Ceremony potluck luncheon and slide presentation. T-shirts are also included in the registration fee while supplies last. January 8 – February 25
Fee: \$10 registration fee; \$5 per event

Let the games begin!

Register online at yumaaz.gov/parksandrec

Helpful Horticultural Tip from Parks and Recreation

You might be wondering why are we placing wood chips around the base of the trees in our park system. The biology of the tree system has a few main functions for getting food to the roots and water released. These are called the Xylem and Phloem.

Placing wood chips around the base serves a couple of purposes. One is to keep weed whackers and mowers away from the tree's bark. If the bark gets cut into, there is a good chance of damaging it's two functions which could be detrimental to the future life of the tree. The second reason we place wood chips or mulch around the base is it helps retain moisture, suppress weed seed germination, and control erosion.

Wood or bark chip mulch is very beneficial around trees, shrubs, perennials, and small fruits. In addition, a wood/bark chip mulch creates a favorable environment for earthworms and soil microorganisms. Wood/bark chips are not recommended in vegetable or annual flowerbeds where the soil is routinely cultivated to prepare a seedbed for plant growth.



Quick Steps to Improving Your Game by Brian J. Farkas, PGA

When dividing up your practice time, try and focus at least 50% of the time working on short game. Consider this; at least 43% of the strokes taken during a round are with a putter, and only 12% with a driver. Another 15% - 20% of the strokes are taken from within 100 yards. If a player gets up and down in two shots rather than three shots only half of the time, the player will have saved six strokes that round.

10-Minutes Free Swing Analysis

If you are experiencing problems with your golf swing, then take advantage of this **FREE SPECIAL OFFER**. Simply visit the pro shop and ask for Brian. It's that easy. Don't have the time today? Call us, and make an appointment.



*Have an idea for a new golf activity that you would like to try?
Email your ideas to Brian.Farkas@YumaAz.gov*

Upcoming Programs

Family Golf "Learning to Play"

Saturday, January 9
Desert Hills Golf Course
Ages: 7 and Up
8:00 am - 9:30 am
Fee: Adults \$10
Children \$5

FootGolf "Learning to Play"

Sunday, January 10
Par-3 Golf Course
Ages: 9 and Up
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Fee: Adults \$10
Children \$5



Yuma Civic Center

1440 W. Desert Hills Drive | 928-373-5040 | yumaaz.gov/parksandrec

The City of Yuma Parks & Recreation presents the 2016 World Adventurers Film Series

January 12

Clint Denn
presents
Tulips, Windmills &
A Christmas Cruise

February 9

Robin Williams
presents
Biblical Treasures
of Turkey

March 8

Chuck Liddell
presents
Wings Across the
Catalina Channel



Pre-sale tickets
available now at
www.yumaaz.gov

January 19

Dale Johnson
presents
China Rising

February 16

Don Van Polen
presents
Sea to Sea in a
Model T

March 15

Rick Howard
presents
The Real World
of New Zealand

American Shows Yuma Home & Garden Show

Learn everything
'home improvement'
related with how-to
demonstrations,
seminars and more.
January 22-24
9:00 am- 6:00 pm
Admission: \$5

Desert Lily Quilters Quilt Show

Shop 26 vendors, win
door prizes & support
Bridget's Gift with
raffle proceeds.

January 15
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
January 16
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Admission: \$6/day
(\$8/2 days)

LOOK AHEAD

2/5

Prayer Breakfast

2/9 & 2/16

2016 Adventurers Film
Series

2/11

Yuma Area Ammonia
Safety Day Awareness

2/12-14

Yuma Square & Round
Dance Festival

2/13 & 2/27

Yuma Storm Football
(Desert Sun Stadium)

2/20

Sons of Norway 14th
Annual Scandinavian
Festival

All show times begin at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm
Individual show tickets—\$10 | Season tickets—\$50

Receive \$5 off each season pass when two or more
are purchased in the same transaction.

Let's Murder Marsha

entertainment. **"Let's Murder Marsha"** is the story of a woman who is addicted to reading crime/thriller novels. When she overhears her husband planning a birthday surprise with another woman she mistakenly thinks he's plotting to murder her! She enlists the help of their maid and a neighbor down the hall to come up with a plan to murder them first.

This show will have you laughing non-stop all night. The dinner will be a succulent pork-tenderloin served with garlic mashed potatoes and vegetables. There will also be a vegetarian option of eggplant parmesan. This will be a night to remember! Don't miss out, our dinner theater productions sell out early. Tickets can be purchased online at www.yumaaz.gov/events

Historic Yuma Theatre

On Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 pm TAD Productions kicks off our winter series with **"Nashville Gold"**! This tribute to Country Music superstars will cover country music hits through the years. Tickets are \$25 and going fast!

Thursday the 14th **"Second Coming"**, a drama from the UK will screen at 7:00 pm. This film in the Thursday's at the Theatre Series only costs \$5 general admission or \$2.50 with a valid AWC/NAU student ID.

Encore ELS brings us **"The Magic of Motown"** on Friday the 15th at 7:00 pm. This one will have you dancing in the aisles as it covers the hits from this great genre. Tickets on sale for \$25.

On Sunday the 17th at 2:00 pm Heritage Area presents a special show, **"An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt"**. This presentation will help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Parks. Tickets are only \$20!

Lonely Street will start their winter series on Tuesday the 19th with **"Valli Fever"**, a tribute to the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. This show will feature music from his impressive six decade career. Tickets on sale for \$25.

They're back! Heritage Area presents the **"Beijing Circus"** featuring

On January 7th, 8th and 9th the Yuma Art Center presents its next dinner theater show. Doors open at 5:30 pm each night with dinner served at 6:00 pm and the show starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets are only \$30 for a night of great food and

2,000 years of history on our stage! This sells out every year so get your tickets for only \$25!

TAD brings us **"56—Back to the 50's"** on Thursday the 21st at 7:00 pm. The 50's hold a special place in music history and this is your chance to see why. Tickets on sale for \$25.

"Saturday Night Fever", a great movie and on Friday the 22nd at 7:00 pm the ultimate Bee Gees Tribute! Encore ELS takes you back in time with this one. Tickets still available for \$25.

"Hemmin' and Hawin' " is Lonely Street's country music revue for old school country music lovers everywhere. Tuesday the 26th at 7:00 pm is the time and \$25 is the price. Don't miss it!

TAD presents **"The Piano Man"** featuring the music of Elton John and Billy Joel. Come enjoy the piano-driven classic hits of these two legendary artists in this amazing tribute on Thursday the 28th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.

"Presidio Brass" returns to the Historic Yuma Theatre stage on Saturday the 30th at 7:00 pm. They will be celebrating the world and music of Hollywood, get your tickets for only \$25.



2015 dinner theatre show, 'Oh, Fudge!'



Our Edible Art program provides the opportunity for kids to learn basic techniques of cake decorating.

"Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unbearable."

- George Bernard Shaw -

For more information or to purchase tickets:
Call: (928) 373-5202 | Online: www.yumaaz.gov/events
Ticket Outlets: The Yuma Art Center | Parks & Recreation Department | Yuma Civic Center